

With rates at historic lows, for the Congress to let these interest rates double is highway robbery. Congress should not require students and families who can least afford it to pay twice as much in interest on the same loans they got a year before at lower rates. Congress should help make college more affordable, not more expensive. Congress should help families to get out from under the crushing debt, not pile on more.

Tens of thousands of students have asked Congress to act, but their pleas to help have been met with silence from the Republicans in Congress. Silence. Silence is not what they need. Action is what they need. Only Congress can set the rates for these student loans. The clock is ticking. Applications are being made to college, and the time to act is now. Congress should not let the interest student rate loans go up. Congress should not let the interest rates double on these families and these students.

CHARLOTTE LUCAS

(Mr. ROKITA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROKITA. I rise today to recognize an Indiana-born and bred entrepreneur who exemplifies innovation and dedication.

Charlotte Lucas, along with her husband, Forrest, founded Lucas Oil Products in 1989. Under her leadership, Lucas Oil quickly established itself as a top-selling additive line in the trucking and automotive retail industry.

To Indiana, Charlotte is still the good-natured Hoosier who always enjoys meeting new people and who knows the importance of being there for people in need. Marked by common sense and a commitment to philanthropic interests, her leadership embodies the qualities emblazoned in the Hoosier spirit itself.

There is a slogan at Lucas Oil, Mr. Speaker, that reads: "It works." Well, I think the same can be said of Charlotte. Working on behalf of children, the elderly, race car drivers and their families, and many more other causes, she has provided so many with a better place to live, work, and raise a family. Whatever Charlotte does, it works.

As a man of faith, I believe we were put on this Earth to love one another and to make the best of the gifts the Lord has provided. When I look at Charlotte, her husband, Forrest, and how she shared her good fortune with our world, all I can say is, Amen. Charlotte Lucas exemplifies the American Dream in every way, and I am proud to honor her on her birthday in recognition of her devotion to her family, friends, employees, and our whole Hoosier community.

HATE CRIMES

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, just last week, I had the privilege of coordinating and working with other Members of Congress to hold a briefing with Judiciary Committee members to discuss the jurisdiction of the hate crimes. We were privileged at that time, in the midst of their mourning, to have there the parents of Trayvon Martin. I had the further privilege, though not wanted, to be in Sanford, Florida, before their city commission in order to discuss the absolute dereliction of duty that occurred in this terrible tragedy.

Now, many have raised the question of race. Let me be very clear: the race question comes into factor only because of jurisdictional Federal laws with which they are now investigating this case; but this is a case for every American and every parent. As our Speaker did, it is a case to which everyone can ask the simple question. The State and Federal jurisdictions are looking at this, and they should review it. For those of us who believe that the perpetrator should be arrested, we maintain that. He should have been arrested and should be arrested; but this is a question for every parent:

When you send your children out to get Skittles and a tea, whether they should come back alive or whether you should have to find them in a morgue.

I remain persistent on finding justice for Trayvon but also justice for all of the other young people and others who have been victims of crimes like this, with guns, where people have used their language of suspiciousness and where all they were doing is walking on the streets of America.

AN EASTER PRAYER

(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOHMERT. As this will be the last session before we go into the Easter district work period, I thought it was appropriate to look back at something historically, and I have a prayer that was given in the United States Senate in the 1940s by Senate Chaplain Peter Marshall. He said:

We pray to Thee, O Christ, to keep us under the spell of immortality.

May we never again think and act as if Thou wert dead. Let us more and more come to know Thee as a living Lord who hath promised to them that believe: Because I live, ye shall live also.

Help us to remember that we are praying to the Conqueror of Death, that we may no longer be afraid nor be dismayed by the world's problems and threats, since Thou hast overcome the world.

In Thy strong name, we ask for Thy living presence and Thy victorious power. Amen.

That was Senate Chaplain Peter Marshall. It is a good prayer, Mr. Speaker, to pray as we head for the Easter recess.

DETROIT GROWTH AND STABILITY ACT

(Mr. CLARKE of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLARKE of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, today I will introduce the Detroit Growth and Stability Act, which will provide up to \$500 million in loans to the city of Detroit.

I am asking this House, this Congress, and this administration to give Detroit, the arsenal of democracy, a second chance—a second chance to build the best products, a second chance to create the best technologies that could be sold worldwide which will create jobs, jobs not only for southeastern Michigan—because our city and our suburbs are linked together—but also jobs throughout this country.

You see, the best way that we can renew America's economy, the most effective way, is to help rebuild Detroit. I urge your support for this important legislation.

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REMEMBERING DR. CRAWFORD LONG

(Mr. BROWN of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. I rise today to commemorate a very important medical breakthrough that happened hundreds of years ago in Jefferson, Georgia. And that's the invention of general anesthesia. Tomorrow is Doctors Day, and I am pleased to take this time to honor Dr. Crawford Long, who gave the first general anesthetic for a surgical procedure in 1842. If it weren't for Dr. Long's discovery of ether as a general anesthetic, the world of medicine would not be as profound or innovative as it is today.

This is a proud claim for the city of Jefferson, Georgia, for the 10th Congressional District, and for the State of Georgia as a whole. It is a little known fact that Dr. Long's statue is in the U.S. Capitol as part of the National Statuary Hall Collection, but this tribute is well deserved, given his significant contribution to both science and to medicine.

I hope that all Georgians passing through Washington will take the time to stop by Dr. Long's statue to reflect upon this great Georgian's wonderful achievement to science and to humanity.

CLEARING THE NAMES OF JOHN BROW AND BROOKS GRUBER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LONG). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, thank you very much.